

existing scheme of "Assistance to National Sports Federations". Action is separately underway for upgrading and strengthening the infrastructure for training purposes by the Sports Authority of India.

Monitoring of Economic Trends

194. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring the economic trends on a regular basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the comments of the Prime Minister in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The Government monitors various economic trends, such as gross domestic product (GDP), prices and inflation, money supply, international trade, balance of payments, etc. on a regular basis. The data on GDP are disseminated on a quarterly and annual basis by Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Different agencies are involved in monitoring the trends in specific sectors and in prices and inflation, viz. Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Labour and Reserve Bank of India. Money supply and balance to payments trends are monitored by the Reserve Bank of India, while the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics monitors the trends in imports and exports of commodities.

Squeezing of non-plan expenditure

195. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Planning Commission is concerned about consequences of States' squeezing non-plan expenditure to bring down fiscal deficits;

(b) if so, whether no fresh recruitment in education and health sector by States to check their wage bill, programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and National Health Mission could become a sufferer;